



Fact Sheet

Route Reconnaissance/Clearance Operations Course (R2C2)

SITUATION

1. **Introduction.** The purpose of the Route Reconnaissance/Clearance Operations Course (R2C2) is to train selected personnel to conduct Route Reconnaissance/Clearance Operations. Students are taught an understanding of the explosive hazard threat in OEF or OIF, the use of Counter Remote Control Electronic Warfare equipment (CREW) with Route Clearance Equipment (RCE), route reconnaissance, enemy TTPs, and the employment of RCE. The course also qualifies students on the operation of the RG31, Interim Vehicular Mounted Mine Detector (IVMMD) and Buffalo.
2. Training is relevant for units (platoon) that are deploying to OIF/OEF to conduct RCE missions, using the current RCE sets (RG31, IVMMD and Buffalo).
3. **Purpose.** The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform units, and selected personnel, of the course requirements. This document details requirements that are critical to the successful delivery of the Route Reconnaissance/Clearance Course.
4. **MTT Availability:** No MTT is available

MISSION

5. To provide students the individual and collective knowledge, and skills, to function as a member of a clearance platoon, conducting RCE missions.

EXECUTION

6. **Intent.** The Counter Explosive Hazards Center (CEHC) will conduct Route Reconnaissance/Clearance Course Training.
7. **Concept.** Structured as a ten-day (80 hour) training event, operators receive individual vehicle training followed by cross training on RG31, IVMMD, and Buffalo. The leadership will receive the most current IED/VBIED briefs. They will also be trained on the TTPs, roles and responsibilities of each piece of equipment. During the second week of the course, the entire platoon will work as a team conducting route clearance missions.
8. The R2C2 will be conducted on FLW training areas (WA224 and Roads in the range area).
9. **Class Size:** Each course trains a total of 32 personnel, broken down into **4 RCE teams; one team is 6 operators and 2 leaders.**
10. **PL/PSG.** It is essential that the PL and the PSG attend the training, if the PL and the PSG are not available it is suggested that the Company XO, 1SG or operations OIC/NCOIC attend.

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

11. **Reporting Procedure:** This course can be described as being structured as two 1 week events. Week One is operator training and Week Two combines additional operator training and leadership training. Operators must attend both weeks of training. The leadership are only required for Week Two of training.

12. Leadership may attend the entire 10 day course; however, they will not receive any training until the second week. Leadership that attends the first week will be able to see the equipment but not train on it. Reporting for the course is as follows:

a. **Week One Operators.** Report to WA 224 at 0745h on the first day of Week One training, training starts at 0800h.

b. **Week Two Leadership.** Report to WA 224 at 0745h on the first day of Week Two training, training starts at 0800h.

13. Any student reporting after the training starts (0800h) will not be permitted to attend the course.

14. A strip map for WA 224 is at enclosure 1.

15. **Travel: Release time is 1600 on the final day of training.** Please be advised that when scheduling return flights that the minimum drive time to the St. Louis Airport from FLW is 2½ hours and the Springfield Airport from FLW is 1½ hours and a minimum of 1 hour for check-in at the airport. Please allow maximum time of returning personnel from the release of training to scheduled flight times.

16. **Military Driver's License:** Operators '**must bring**' a Military Driver's License and have completed Accident Avoidance Training, at their duty station. Certification is required and will be checked before operator training begins.

17. **Holidays:** Training will be conducted on Training Holidays; they are **not** recognized as time off. CEHC recognizes only Federal Holidays

18. **Transportation:** The CEHC can not move students between training areas; students need a rental car for transportation to and from airport (FLW, STL, or Springfield, MO) and in and around FLW. It is recommended that units rent 15 Pax vans to move squads of students.

19. **Training Schedule.** The schedule for Route Reconnaissance/Clearance Course is at enclosure 2.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT

20. **Lodging:** Links can be found on the CEHC website for local area hotels. (<http://www.wood.army.mil/cehc/LocalInfoPage>) The TSB can provide limited barracks if available: Phone: 573.596.0131 ext. 6-5888 or 573.596.0131 ext. 6-2319.

21. **Meals:** Many Dining Facilities are available on FLW, Mo; however distance can vary from .5 miles to 12 miles from the training areas. Meals can be arranged by contacting the FLW Dining Facilities Manager at 573-596-1774.

22. **Equipment:** The following items are required for both operators and leadership:

- a. IBA
- b. LBE
- c. Kevlar Helmet
- d. Wet weather gear
- e. Cold weather equipment winter months training
- f. Hydration system
- g. Soft cap
- h. Eye Protection for open hatch drills
- i. Road guard vest
- j. OF 346 Military Drivers License

COMMAND AND SIGNAL

23. **Certification.** The instructors will keep attendance rosters of students attending training. Copies of attendance rosters will be made available to the host unit on request. Soldiers that do not attend all of the training will not be certified. Soldiers that have appointments during the days of training should re-schedule those appointments.

24. **Course Roster.** It is requested that units complete the Course Roster and Rank Requirements, at enclosure 3, and return it to CEHC scheduling prior to course commencement.

25. Students will be required to fill out a course critique at the conclusion of training.

26. **Contacting the CEHC.** For scheduling, CEHC can be contacted on the following numbers.

- a. **Scheduling.** (573) 563-3974, (573) 563-3994.

Web Site: www.wood@army.mil/cehc

Enclosures:

- 1. Strip Map WA 224
- 2. Course Roster and Rank Requirements
- 3. R2C2 Course Schedule

Strip Map WA 224

